

AMONG US MORTALS A SENSE OF HUMOR

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Changing hats at a beach party or a picnic is always good for a laugh—particularly if a kodak is handy.



Mr. Boley's humor is awfully dry. For instance, if some one hands him a cigar he will sniff it and say, "For the luv o' Mike, what's it made of, onions? Good-night nurse!" (Loud guffaws from Mr. Boley.)



If you have an ex-soldier in the office one of the funniest things to do is to greet him each morning with "Well, how's the general?" and follow it up with a fake salute.



Ernie, the little tease, has stolen Mercy's slipper and is being awfully funny. If Ernie can only hang it out of reach in the tree it will be even funnier.



Gwladys and Grayce are such terribly innocent and proper young things that the mere mention of "pajamas," "kissing," "garters" or "legs" is enough to send them into spasms of suppressed merriment.



Harry, the telephone comic, is calling up Edna (falsetto voice) and is making her guess who it is. If Edna is in good form she will tell Harry not to take any wooden nickels or flannel money and the 'phone call will be a huge success.



Mrs. Belfry says "Oh, damn!" and follows it up humorously with "Pardon my French!" Mrs. Belfry is one of those ladies who pretend they are ready for anything and simply beg you to tell them a risqué story. Then when you do tell one, a very mild, censored one, they have the hardest kind of a time pretending they aren't shocked to death.



Kenneth has just yanked out Fred's necktie. This is such a good joke on Fred that Kenneth will titter to himself for the next hour or more.



Ethel, the roughhouse fiend and the life of every house party, is tiptoeing down the upper hall with a jar of cold cream to smear on some one's doorknob; also a shoebrush to put in her hostess's bed. Ethel is the living refutation of the old saying that "Women have no sense of humor."



Miss Witte, whose idea of the humorous is a long anecdote labeled "humor" in the back of a magazine, is wont to remark, "I really don't know what I'd do if it weren't for my sense of humor to help me over the rough places in life."